

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CORNER DRUG COMPANY

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON (D-CA), to recognize Woodland's Corner Drug Company and celebrate Corner Drug's 125th anniversary. Corner Drug Company is a historic staple of the Woodland community—an independent, family-owned and operated pharmacy, promoting the health of the community with honesty and compassion.

The corner of Woodland's 1st and Main Street has been home to the drug store since 1897 when Wallace Pond converted the building into the original Corner Drug Store. The pharmacy changed hands five more times by 1934 when it became the first Walgreens franchise in all of California and was officially incorporated as the Corner Drug Company.

By 1979, Karl Hanke took sole ownership of Corner Drug Company, laying the foundations for Corner Drug's family-owned status, which spans three generations to date. Hanke initially worked at Corner Drug as a delivery boy in high school, before enlisting in the Army Air Corps in 1943. A graduate of the University of California Davis and the University of California San Francisco's Pharmacy School, Hanke became part-owner in 1959 and sold his business to his daughter, Lisa Shelley, in 1999, after four decades serving the community.

Lisa Shelley and her husband, Ed began management in the corner store's 102nd year. Their daughter, Sara, followed in her mother's footsteps, graduating from the University of the Pacific School of Pharmacy and stepping behind the pharmacy counter in 2008. Becoming co-owners in 2020, Lisa, Sara, and her husband Erik Daniells have continued Corner Drug's community-friendly spirit, introducing live music events and hosting neighborhood gatherings.

Corner Drug Company is more than a business; it is a Woodland landmark that unites the community around rich history, vibrant cultural events, and the Shelley family's incredible 63 years of service. We are proud to recognize the remarkable 125th anniversary of Woodland's Corner Drug store. We congratulate the Shelley family and all who contributed to the store's decades of success on this incredible achievement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PASTOR
JULES EARL SMITH

HON. JASON CROW

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jules Earl Smith, beloved grandfather, father, husband, son, brother, and community servant, who passed away on Monday, October 17, 2022, after a year-long battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

Born on April 9, 1947 in New Orleans, Louisiana, Jules began his religious journey at a young age. Holding church services for his younger siblings in the living room—pretending they were his congregation—Jules was destined for a life behind the pulpit.

Jules had a love of learning from a young age. He tutored his classmates and friends, and taught his father how to read the Bible. He spent his childhood accompanying his parents and siblings to multiple churches where he discovered his love for music and church administration. When he began his faith journey, he called upon the leadership and clerical skills that were instilled in him from those days attending church with his family.

Jules' service was not confined to church—he was also an activist and Civil Rights leader in Baton Rouge. He dedicated his time to teaching older Black citizens how to read and sign their names. Notably, he taught them to memorize the preamble to the Constitution—pushing them to believe that We The People meant all people—in order to fight back against the racist “Grandfather Clause” as well as discriminatory literacy laws that prevented Black people from voting.

In 1969, Jules graduated from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge with a degree in Business Economics. He went on to excel in the field of sales and eventually became the Regional Vice President at Western Union Telegraph Company in New York City. He was the first African American to travel and train others in the field of telecommunications. While in New York City, he found a new church home in the Bronx where he served as a Sunday School teacher, choir director, parish pianist, church clerk, and eventually Chair of the Deacons.

In 1976, Jules preached his first sermon, and just five years later in 1981, he was ordained and Jules became Pastor Smith. He and his family moved to Denver, Colorado in 1982, and in 1986 he became the Pastor of a tiny church on the corner of Dayton and Florida in Colorado's very own Sixth Congressional District. He served a diverse congregation at Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church for over 36 years and founded the Rising Star Christian Academy for preschool to fifth graders.

It is incredibly difficult to encapsulate all that was Pastor Smith's life. I have no doubt he impacted tens of thousands of lives through

his sermons and Bible studies. He was passionate about his faith, and guided many throughout the years. Even though Pastor Smith is gone, his legacy lives on through the lives he touched, and his spirit will be felt in the halls of his parish and in the hearts of the people he served for many years to come. It is an honor to recognize the incredible life Pastor Smith led, and to his family: “The God of love and peace shall be with you.”

RECOGNIZING CLAIRE NADER'S
BOOK, YOU ARE YOUR OWN BEST
TEACHER

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to include in the RECORD the following review of Claire Nader's book, “You Are Your Own Best Teacher”, written by Dorothea V. Dicecco for the Republican-American.

CLAIRE NADER CELEBRATES, ENCOURAGES
TWEENS STEPPING FORWARD

(By Dorothea V. Dicecco)

As I began to read Claire Nader's new book, “You Are Your Own Best Teacher,” I found it so engaging that I was unable to put it down.

This surprised me, as the introduction stressed that it was a book aimed at “tweens”—children between 9 and 12. Indeed she does focus on young people but as I became involved with its subject matter, it became clear that she also meant to appeal to readers of all ages.

There is no doubt that she succeeded.

Praise for the book is provided in its opening pages from 13 prominent Americans, each of whom expresses the reasons for their enthusiasm. Among them are Jonathan Kozol, author of “Death at An Early Age” and “Savage Inequalities: Children in American Schools”; Amy Goodman, host of the “Democracy Now!” TV and radio news program; and Katrina Vanden Heuval, publisher and former editor of The Nation.

Nader was fortunate to live with parents who knew how to stimulate their children's curiosity, imagination and intellect—the three characteristics she features on the cover of her book. She was aware that her peers had minds of their own, and like her, were influenced by their family as well as their experiences with friends and classmates. Her book acknowledges that differences in income, family situation, safe neighborhoods and health influence young lives; but they do not diminish tweens' innate curiosity, imagination and intellect.

A graduate of Smith College, Nader holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University in public law and government. As an author and political scientist, she has filled her life with interactions with adults and young people, and she has observed the similarities and differences between the age groups.

In this book, she points out that in schools, the curriculum has become less connected to the reality of life. As budgets are

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